



Recreation Fee Program 2003

Forest Accomplishments

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

Recreation fees make a difference in the Columbia River Gorge.



Protecting and enhancing the recreation resources in the Columbia River Gorge is one of the primary purposes of the National Scenic Area. As we continue to face tight recreation budgets, the public demand to protect and enhance our recreation facilities and develop new recreational

opportunities continue to grow. To help meet these demands and fulfill our mission to protect and enhance recreational resources, the National Scenic Area has participated in the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program since 1998. Fees collected through the program supplements our appropriated recreation dollars to help maintain trails, campgrounds and picnic areas and enhance visitor services at many of these sites.

In 2003, recreation fees played a significant role in providing visitor services and maintenance on trails and recreation facilities in the National Scenic Area. Fees were used to help staff the Multnomah Falls visitor center as well as maintaining nearly 60 miles of trail. We also continued our exciting partnership with Mid Columbia Council of Governments, and Mazama's to field a 26 person youth trail crew. The program provides an opportunity for youth to learn "job skills," participate in meaningful work while enhancing their knowledge and appreciation of the natural environment. Last year the crew completed 7 miles of trail reconstruction and 8 miles of trail maintenance!

Thank you for supporting the recreation fee program in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Feel free to share your thoughts and comments with my staff or myself.

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Thank you, your help makes a difference!

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Your Fees At Work

The Fees:

Project Name	Total Fee Dollars Collected	Fee Dollars Collected in 2003	Cost to Collect in 2003	%Collect vs. Revenue
Multnomah Falls	\$1,166,514.00	\$198,472.00	\$799.00	1%
Northwest Forest Pass	\$401,334.00	\$98,586.00	\$12,354.00	12.5%
R6 Camping	\$111,098.00	\$21,361.00	\$1,627.00	8%
Recreation Lodging	\$16,872.00	\$4,183.00	\$450.00	11%
Golden Passport	\$391.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	0%

The Accomplishments:



Northwest Forest Pass: Maintained 58 miles of trail to standard and reconstructed 7 miles of trail. Continued partnership with Mid Columbia Council of Governments and the Mazamas and received additional funding through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to field a 26-person youth crew. Provided upkeep and enhanced security for 2 picnic areas and 10 trailheads.



Campgrounds: Held funds for future projects. Planned projects for next year would include ivy eradication, campground host program, picnic table replacement and maintenance.



Cabin Rental: Held funds for future projects. The balance of revenues generated from this and prior years will be used to retro-fit the restrooms and paths to provide for universal access.



Golden Passports: Holding funds for future projects. In the future funds will be used to enhance visitor services.

Multnomah Falls: Supported the operation of the visitor center 7 days per week, 362 days per year. Services include providing public information, interpretive displays and publications. Operated and maintained the wastewater treatment plant.